

#4 Pre

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Patent Application of) **PATENT APPLICATION**
Inventor(s): Edward W. Knowlton)
Application No.: 09/003,423)
Filed: January 6, 1998)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF)
COLLAGEN TISSUE)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.8 - FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited postage prepaid, with the United States Postal Service as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to the **Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231** on April 22, 1998.

By: Jeffrey R. Howard (Signature)
Jeffrey R. Howard (Type Name)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, please consider the following preliminary amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification: On Page 1, Line 2, please delete, "January 1, 1996" and Replace with
--January 5, 1996--.